(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Not applicable.

Study on Impact of Weather Conditions on Agriculture

1719. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 10 crore project, to study the impact of change in weather patterns on agriculture across the country, has been undertaken recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has prepared a project with an outlay of Rs. 10 crore to be implemented during the Tenth Five Year Plan to study the effect of climate change on agriculture.

(b) The objectives of the project are:

(i) to conduct basic, applied and strategic research for quantifying the vulnerability of Indian agriculture to increasing climate variability and climate change, to develop adaptation strategies for minimizing their negative impacts and to identify mitigation strategies;

(ii) to provide policy support to the Government and other stakeholders on issues related to climate change and agriculture.

The project is at present being examined within ICAR.

Laws to Control Duplicate seed manufacturing companies

1720. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing laws to nail the fraud and duplicate seed manufacuring companies who are playing with the lives of our farmers;